

## A summary of countries of birth in London

A recent 2001 Census commissioned table identifies at least 243 different countries<sup>1</sup> with 10 or more residents living in London. London's population is very diverse, more so than any other region in England and Wales.

- In 2001 there were 7.1 million residents living in London. Over 5.2 million Londoners were born in the United Kingdom<sup>2</sup>, this is almost three quarters of all London residents.
- Nearly 2 million London residents were born outside the UK. There were over 500,000 European born residents living in London. Table 1 shows the breakdown of Londoners by continent of birth.
- The top 20 countries of birth outside the UK account for 17 per cent of residents in London. In all, these countries and the UK account for 90 per cent of London residents. Table 2 shows the number of residents born in each of these countries living in London and their percentage of the London population.
- In the London Boroughs the percentage of UK born residents varies from 94 per cent in Havering to 53 per cent in Brent. Table 3 shows the numbers and percentages by borough.
- The London borough with the largest number of different countries of birthplace listed is Westminster with 182. The City of London has the least, 48 countries, followed by Havering with 106. Table 4 shows the number of countries with at least ten residents in a borough.
- Ten boroughs have over 25 per cent of London's residents born in a particular country. Not all the countries have equal numbers as Table 5 shows. Ealing is home to the largest percentage born in a country, ten residents from the Azores accounting for 63 per cent of the London total. The largest number of residents born in any country outside the UK is Bangladesh, with 35,820 living in Tower Hamlets. Table 5 shows those boroughs with more than 25 per cent born in a single country.
- 48 countries of birth are present in every London borough. There are 40 countries of birth represented in 32 London boroughs. There are 24 countries at a London level that do not meet the ten residents threshold in any borough. Table 6 shows the London, Inner London and Outer London totals for each country of birth and the number of boroughs above the minimum threshold.
- There are a number of DMAG briefings specifically on country of birth,
  - Ethnicity, religion and country of birth
  - Mapping Diversity
  - Country of Birth and the Labour market
  - London Country of Birth Profiles
  - World in a city and
  - London Boroughs countries of birth

A more detailed list of country of birth briefings by DMAG is at the end of this update.

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<sup>1</sup> As defined by ONS.

<sup>2</sup> UK consists of England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Great Britain or United Kingdom.

**Table 1 London resident by continent of birth, 2001**

<b>Continent</b>	<b>Number</b>
Total	7,172,000
Africa	455,000
Americas	249,000
Caribbean	142,000
North America	63,000
South America	44,000
Asia	635,000
Far East	135,000
Middle East	113,000
South Asia	386,000
Europe	510,000
Western Europe	392,000
Eastern Europe	118,000
Oceania	71,000
Other	21,000
UK	5,232,000

Source: 2001 Census, Univariate Table UV008

**Table 2 Londoners' country of birth, UK and top 20 countries outside, 2001**

	<b>Country</b>	<b>Number of London residents</b>	<b>% of the London population</b>
1	UK	5,230,155	72.9
2	India	172,162	2.4
3	Republic of Ireland	157,285	2.2
4	Bangladesh	84,565	1.2
5	Jamaica	80,319	1.1
6	Nigeria	68,907	1.0
7	Pakistan	66,658	0.9
8	Kenya	66,311	0.9
9	Sri Lanka	49,932	0.7
10	Ghana	46,513	0.6
11	Cyprus	45,888	0.6
12	South Africa	45,506	0.6
13	United States of America	44,622	0.6
14	Australia	41,488	0.6
15	Germany	39,818	0.6
16	Turkey	39,128	0.5
17	Italy	38,694	0.5
18	France	38,130	0.5
19	Somalia	33,831	0.5
20	Uganda	32,082	0.4
21	New Zealand	27,494	0.4
	Total	6,449,488	89.9

Source: 2001 Census, Commissioned Table C0413

**Table 3 London borough residents born in the United Kingdom, 2001**

	<b>Total Population</b>	<b>Born in the UK</b>	<b>UK as a % of the borough population</b>
City of London	7,185	5,140	71.5
Barking and Dagenham	163,944	144,732	88.3
Barnet	314,564	217,060	69.0
Bexley	218,307	199,895	91.6
Brent	263,464	139,419	52.9
Bromley	295,532	264,754	89.6
Camden	198,020	123,718	62.5
Croydon	330,587	257,398	77.9
Ealing	300,948	186,938	62.1
Enfield	273,559	203,994	74.6
Greenwich	214,403	174,643	81.5
Hackney	202,824	131,958	65.1
Hammersmith and Fulham	165,242	108,475	65.6
Haringey	216,507	134,688	62.2
Harrow	206,814	137,442	66.5
Havering	224,248	211,063	94.1
Hillingdon	243,006	198,268	81.6
Hounslow	212,341	148,270	69.8
Islington	175,797	122,021	69.4
Kensington and Chelsea	158,919	87,293	54.9
Kingston upon Thames	147,273	117,469	79.8
Lambeth	266,169	181,145	68.1
Lewisham	248,922	188,111	75.6
Merton	187,908	137,517	73.2
Newham	243,891	150,378	61.7
Redbridge	238,635	180,039	75.4
Richmond upon Thames	172,335	137,380	79.7
Southwark	244,866	169,191	69.1
Sutton	179,768	157,738	87.7
Tower Hamlets	196,106	127,142	64.8
Waltham Forest	218,341	162,483	74.4
Wandsworth	260,380	188,325	72.3
Westminster	181,286	100,006	55.2
Inner London	2,766,114	1,817,594	65.7
Outer London	4,405,977	3,376,532	76.6
London	7,172,091	5,194,126	72.4

Source: 2001 Census, Commissioned Table C0413

**Table 4 Number of countries with more than 10 residents by borough, 2001**

<b>London Borough</b>	<b>Number of countries</b>
City of London	46
Barking and Dagenham	119
Barnet	177
Bexley	116
Brent	172
Bromley	143
Camden	174
Croydon	164
Ealing	173
Enfield	149
Greenwich	144
Hackney	164
Hammersmith and Fulham	165
Haringey	171
Harrow	144
Havering	106
Hillingdon	139
Hounslow	151
Islington	155
Kensington and Chelsea	175
Kingston upon Thames	132
Lambeth	174
Lewisham	157
Merton	150
Newham	160
Redbridge	142
Richmond upon Thames	135
Southwark	167
Sutton	127
Tower Hamlets	143
Waltham Forest	151
Wandsworth	173
Westminster	182
Inner London	239
Outer London	235
London	243

Source: 2001 Census, Commissioned Table C0413

**Table 5 More than 25 per cent from a country by borough, 2001**

<b>Borough</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Number</b>
Barnet	Maldives	40	14
	Israel	35	2,221
	Tonga	32	16
Ealing	Azores	63	10
	Armenia	39	137
Enfield	Cyprus	26	11,802
Hackney	Montserrat	28	1,499
Kensington and Chelsea	Monaco	26	18
	Middle East (not stated)	26	10
Kingston Upon Thames	Republic of Korea	31	1,635
Newham	San Tome and Principe	34	32
	Chad	26	25
Westminster	Brunei	28	166
	Kuwait	28	619
Southwark	Sierra Leone	26	3,647
Tower Hamlets	Bangladesh	42	35,820

Source: 2001 Census, Commissioned Table C0413

**Table 6 Number of residents born in countries living in how many boroughs, 2001**

<b>Country</b>	<b>London</b>	<b>Inner London</b>	<b>Outer London</b>	<b>Number of boroughs</b>
Afghanistan	10,831	2,011	8,820	31
East Africa (not otherwise stated)	4,147	807	3,340	32
North Africa (not otherwise stated)	161	111	50	5
West Africa (not otherwise stated)	1,214	791	423	25
Africa (not otherwise stated)	4,386	1,638	2,748	32
Albania	813	396	417	25
Algeria	6,408	3,469	2,939	32
Angola	4,683	2,692	1,991	32
Anguilla	86	37	49	1
Antigua	2,269	1,401	868	27
Argentina	2,557	1,634	923	31
Armenia	354	118	236	10
Ascension Island	18	18		
Asia (not otherwise stated)	65	42	23	
At Sea	43	12	31	
Australia	41,488	26,264	15,224	33
Austria	5,740	2,792	2,948	32
Azerbaijan	278	136	142	13
Azores	16		16	1
Bahamas	472	273	199	20
Bahrain	982	489	493	28
Bangladesh	84,565	70,169	14,396	33

<b>Country</b>	<b>London</b>	<b>Inner London</b>	<b>Outer London</b>	<b>Number of boroughs</b>
Barbados	12,761	6,510	6,251	32
Belarus	428	222	206	20
Belgium	6,117	3,416	2,701	33
Belize	214	91	123	8
Benin	180	124	56	8
Bermuda	477	258	219	22
Bhutan	15		15	
Bolivia	525	336	189	18
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2,790	1,507	1,283	31
Botswana	423	185	238	20
Brazil	8,162	4,985	3,177	33
British Virgin Islands	44	33	11	
Brunei	592	376	216	20
Bulgaria	3,017	1,607	1,410	32
Burkina Faso	36	13	23	
Burundi	1,184	618	566	27
Cambodia	316	162	154	13
Cameroon	2,021	1,202	819	30
Canada	15,282	9,038	6,244	33
Cape Verde	195	76	119	6
Cayman Islands	57	34	23	
Central African Republic	121	67	54	2
Chad	98	81	17	3
Channel Islands	269	151	118	32
Chile	2,056	1,273	783	31
China	13,334	5,972	7,362	33
Colombia	9,035	6,445	2,590	33
Commonwealth of (Russian) Independent States	224	119	105	4
Comoros	30	18	12	
Congo	2,556	1,569	987	28
Costa Rica	110	63	47	2
Croatia	3,219	1,508	1,711	32
Cuba	533	355	178	18
Curacao	207	98	109	7
Cyprus	45,888	19,228	26,660	33
Czech Republic	3,793	1,604	2,189	32
Czechoslovakia	460	192	268	14
Democratic Republic of Congo	6,869	4,035	2,834	32
Denmark	5,770	3,268	2,502	33
Djibouti	177	55	122	4
Dominica	5,066	2,987	2,079	29
Dominican Republic	191	132	59	6
Dubai	315	119	196	13
Ecuador	2,303	1,659	644	29

<b>Country</b>	<b>London</b>	<b>Inner London</b>	<b>Outer London</b>	<b>Number of boroughs</b>
Egypt	9,120	4,024	5,096	32
El Salvador	209	117	92	9
Elsewhere not stated	21,134	10,855	10,279	32
England	5,010,969	1,735,711	3,275,258	33
Equatorial Guinea	30	30		
Eritrea	6,075	4,843	1,232	29
Estonia	491	225	266	25
Ethiopia	6,395	4,890	1,505	30
Europe (not otherwise stated)	102	52	50	2
Falkland Islands	98	44	54	2
Fiji	1,092	264	828	29
Finland	4,074	2,209	1,865	32
France	38,130	23,624	14,506	33
French Guiana	61	40	21	
Gabon	69	35	34	1
Gambia	2,359	1,648	711	28
Gadeloupe	335	199	136	13
Georgia Republic	282	157	125	11
Germany	39,818	19,881	19,937	33
Ghana	46,513	27,036	19,477	33
Gibraltar	1,957	843	1,114	32
Greece	12,374	7,119	5,255	33
Greenland	13	13		
Grenada	7,535	3,647	3,888	32
Guatemala	140	91	49	5
Guernsey	777	377	400	29
Guinea	180	110	70	5
Guinea-Bissau	329	237	92	11
Guyana	14,775	6,924	7,851	32
Haiti	99	59	40	1
Honduras	90	33	57	2
Hong Kong	23,328	10,665	12,663	33
Hungary	4,507	1,882	2,625	32
Iceland	460	293	167	20
India	172,162	38,352	133,810	33
Indonesia	1,826	883	943	30
Iran	20,398	8,065	12,333	33
Iraq	17,294	6,629	10,665	33
Ireland (not otherwise stated)	266	145	121	13
Isle of Man	818	344	474	30
Israel	6,280	2,688	3,592	32
Italy	38,694	21,261	17,433	33
Ivory Coast	2,421	1,823	598	28
Jamaica	80,319	45,821	34,498	33
Japan	19,185	8,276	10,909	33

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Java	15		15	
Jersey	1,617	834	783	32
Jordan	971	487	484	25
Kashmir	499	162	337	10
Kazakhstan	361	239	122	15
Kenya	66,311	11,390	54,921	33
Kiribati	35	12	23	
Republic of Korea	5,334	1,696	3,638	30
Kosovo	12,690	6,402	6,288	32
Kuwait	2,672	1,286	1,386	32
Kyrgyzstan	59	35	24	2
Laos	216	121	95	6
Latvia	916	410	506	31
Lebanon	7,418	4,268	3,150	31
Lesotho	90	29	61	2
Liberia	1,072	546	526	27
Libya	1,830	856	974	31
Liechtenstein	19	19		
Lithuania	2,270	1,195	1,075	31
Luxembourg	375	248	127	15
Macao	396	165	231	18
Macedonia	638	336	302	22
Madagascar	361	123	238	14
Malawi	3,434	1,212	2,222	32
Malaysia	16,122	7,234	8,888	33
Maldives	35	12	23	1
Mali	79	37	42	1
Malta and Gozo	5,214	2,438	2,776	32
Martinique	168	110	58	5
Mauritius	15,572	5,814	9,758	32
Mexico	1,594	1,067	527	30
Middle East (not otherwise stated)	39	27	12	1
Moldova	218	95	123	9
Monaco	70	45	25	1
Mongolia	145	97	48	6
Montenegro	95	60	35	1
Montserrat	5,294	3,463	1,831	30
Morocco	7,904	4,970	2,934	32
Mozambique	1,782	536	1,246	30
Myanmar	3,534	1,103	2,431	32
Namibia	437	229	208	21
Nepal	1,439	404	1,035	26
Netherland Antilles	363	181	182	16
New Caledonia	27	27		
New Zealand	27,494	15,898	11,596	33



<b>Country</b>	<b>London</b>	<b>Inner London</b>	<b>Outer London</b>	<b>Number of boroughs</b>
Nicaragua	66	37	29	1
Niger	75	47	28	1
Nigeria	68,907	45,508	23,399	33
Northern Ireland	37,574	17,362	20,212	33
Norway	3,753	2,090	1,663	32
Occupied Territories (Gaza & West Bank)	42	11	31	
Oman	237	114	123	12
Pakistan	66,658	21,284	45,374	33
Palestine	932	452	480	25
Panama	158	110	48	5
Papua New Guinea	278	165	113	9
Paraguay	120	50	70	1
Peru	1,734	1,059	675	30
Philippines	18,680	10,518	8,162	33
Poland	22,224	9,198	13,026	32
Polynesia	10	10		
Portugal	21,720	13,572	8,148	33
Puerto Rico	72	42	30	3
Qatar	264	122	142	9
Republic of Ireland	157,285	65,745	91,540	33
Reunion	140	72	68	4
Romania	3,049	1,343	1,706	33
Russia	6,323	3,447	2,876	33
Rwanda	1,639	902	737	29
Sao Tome and Principe	95	62	33	2
Saudi Arabia	3,010	1,561	1,449	32
Scotland	108,682	50,563	58,119	33
Senegal	464	307	157	17
Serbia	300	158	142	11
Seychelles	1,471	534	937	32
Sharjah	30	10	20	
Sierra Leone	14,008	9,984	4,024	32
Singapore	9,307	4,963	4,344	33
Slovakia	2,169	892	1,277	32
Slovenia	410	195	215	17
Solomon Islands	45	29	16	
Somalia	33,831	16,037	17,794	32
South Africa	45,506	21,631	23,875	33
South America (not otherwise stated)	768	424	344	25
Spain	22,622	13,514	9,108	33
Sri Lanka	49,932	10,492	39,440	32
St Christopher (St Kitts) - Nevis	1,343	664	679	29
St Helena	417	192	225	18
St Lucia	7,042	4,896	2,146	31

<b>Country</b>	<b>London</b>	<b>Inner London</b>	<b>Outer London</b>	<b>Number of boroughs</b>
St Vincent and the Grenadines	3,312	1,669	1,643	30
Sudan	5,474	3,193	2,281	32
Suriname	109	61	48	1
Swaziland	237	135	102	9
Sweden	9,482	5,915	3,567	33
Switzerland	5,379	3,271	2,108	33
Syrian Arab Republic	2,065	926	1,139	28
Taiwan	2,194	1,039	1,155	31
Tajikistan	55	38	17	1
Tanzania	16,584	3,645	12,939	33
Thailand	4,824	2,512	2,312	33
The Netherlands	8,671	4,607	4,064	33
Tibet	46	22	24	
Togo	415	262	153	14
Tonga	50	19	31	1
Trinidad and Tobago	11,844	5,653	6,191	32
Tunisia	1,394	729	665	31
Turkey	39,128	24,891	14,237	33
Turkmenistan	47	34	13	1
Uganda	32,082	10,347	21,735	32
Ukraine	3,172	1,526	1,646	32
United Arab Emirates	968	410	558	26
United States of America	44,622	30,639	13,983	33
Uruguay	370	233	137	15
US Virgin Islands	63	30	33	1
Uzbekistan	220	117	103	7
Vanuatu	15	15		
Venezuela	1,509	949	560	29
Vietnam	14,126	10,349	3,777	32
Wales	71,962	30,027	41,935	33
West Indies (not otherwise stated)	2,518	1,530	988	31
Western Samoa	28	13	15	
Yemen	3,670	1,043	2,627	29
Yugoslavia	5,088	2,635	2,453	32
Zambia	7,306	3,217	4,089	33
Zimbabwe	17,026	7,134	9,892	33

Source: 2001 Census, Commissioned Table C0413

## DMAG 2003/9 by Eileen Howes

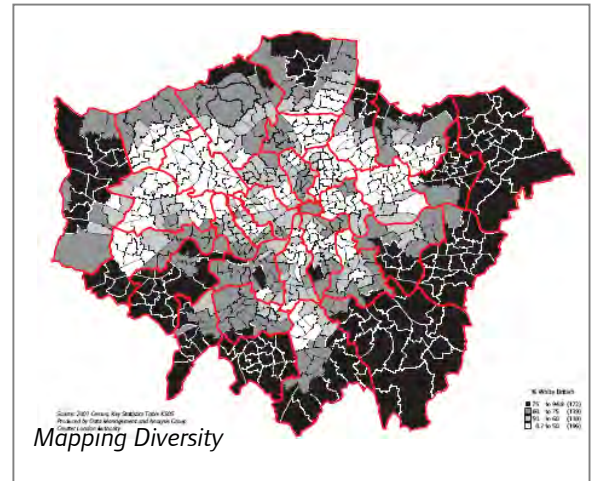
Ethnicity, religion and country of birth

This is a preliminary briefing based mainly on the 2001 Census Key Statistics published in February 2003 for boroughs and in June 2003 for wards. It uses data from the 2001 Census questions on ethnic group and country of birth to give a first brief analysis of London's culturally diverse population.

## DMAG 2003/22 by Eileen Howes

Mapping Diversity

This Briefing includes a range of maps for all wards in London illustrating the diversity of London's population. This shows a population more culturally diverse than that anywhere else in the country.



## DMAG 2003/23 by Eileen Howes and Giorgio Finella

Ethnic groups in London and other districts

This briefing presents statistics on ethnic and religious groups for London and other districts from the 2001 Census. It is mainly in the form of tabulations.

## DMAG Briefing 2004/11 by Eileen Howes

The Irish in London

The 2001 Census included Irish as a category with a pre-defined tick box for the first time. This Briefing is one of a series of profiles based on the 2001 Census statistics on ethnic group, country of birth and religion.



## DMAG Briefing 2004/16 by Gareth Piggott

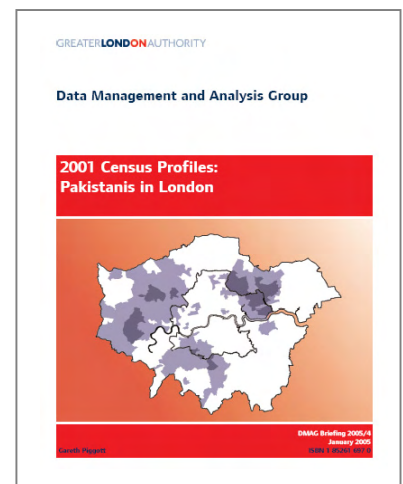
Bangladeshis in London

Over two per cent of the London population are in the Bangladeshi ethnic group. This Briefing gives a detailed statistical profile of Bangladeshis living in London using Census data.

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Pakistanis in London

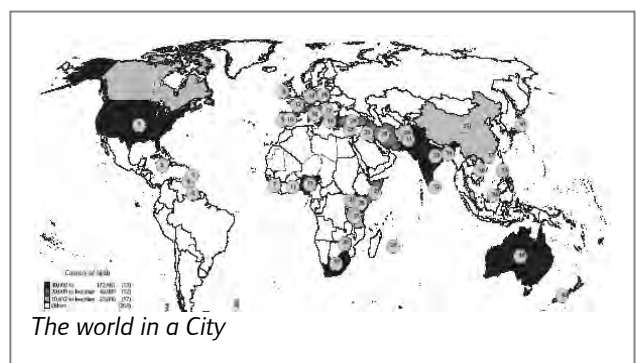
The London Pakistani population represents one fifth of the national Pakistani population and Pakistanis make up two per cent of the population of London. This Briefing gives a detailed statistical profile of Pakistanis living in London using Census data.



## DMAG Briefing 2005/6 by Marian Mackintosh

London: the world in a city

This report contains a demographic analysis of the ethnic group, country of birth and religion of Londoners from 2001 Census data. It describes the size and location of different groups, their age and sex structure, and the relationship between ethnicity, country of birth and religion.

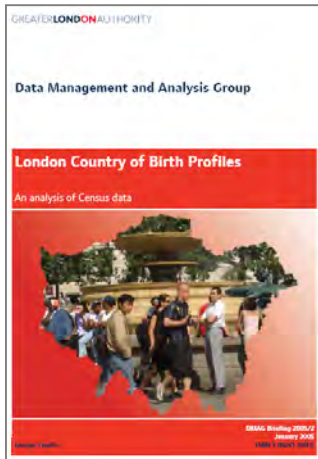


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## DMAG Briefing 2005/01 by Lorna Spence

Country of Birth and Labour Market Outcomes in London:

This report presents data about how the labour market outcomes of Londoners vary according to their country of origin. The report provides detailed analysis of the employment patterns of different migrant groups including analysis of: employment rates; unemployment rates, reasons for non-employment, employment patterns and pay levels.



## DMAG Briefing 2005/02 by Giorgio Finella

London Country of Birth Profiles:

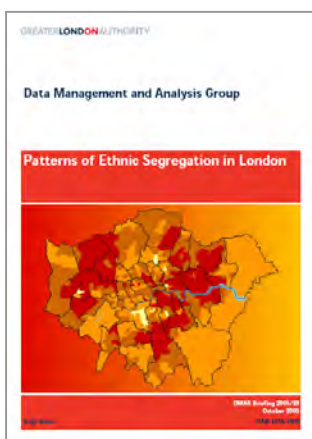
This Briefing present a picture of people living in London and where they were born. This report lists 147 different named areas, 127 are countries and 20 are aggregations of countries as defined by ONS. For each area, statistical data on demography, labour market, health and housing is provided and compared to the London total. This report is mainly tabular.



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London Country of Birth Profile – The Arab League

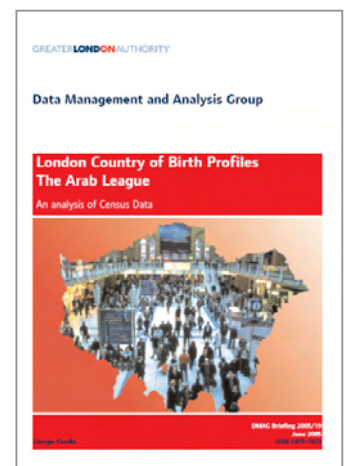
Similar to London Country of Birth Profiles, looking only at Londoners born in the Arab world. This report shows the diverse make-up of London, with its cosmopolitan residents living together in a vibrant and multi-cultural world city. This report is mainly tabular.



## DMAG Briefing 2005/38 by Baljit Bains

Patterns of Ethnic Segregation

This Briefing presents a spatial analysis of 1991 and 2001 Census data for London using accepted measures of segregation. The findings show no extreme polarised areas (commonly referred to as ghettos) in London for both 1991 and 2001.



## DMAG Briefing 2005/39 by Eileen Howes, Gareth Piggott, John Hollis and Baljit Bains

London's changing population

This analysis has been undertaken in the light of recent, and sometimes near hysterical, debate about 'ghettos'. There is a history of huge population movements into and out of London. This work puts these changes in London's population in a wider context. It factually refutes the dire warnings about a future for our capital and other cities where different groups within the community do not live in a diverse society but segregate themselves and live in large ghettos dominated by just one ethnic group. This kind of debate is based upon a type of analysis that suggests that too many Black people or too many Asians living together is a problem, while the same dominance by White people is acceptable. There are no signs of classic ghettos in London or the UK.

